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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) **IWANO et al.**

Serial No.: **09/997,128**

Filing Date: **November 29, 2001**

Title: **OPTICAL CONNECTION
PLUG, MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREOF AND
ASSEMBLY TOOL**

Group
Art Unit: **2874**

Examiner: **Ellen E. Kim**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

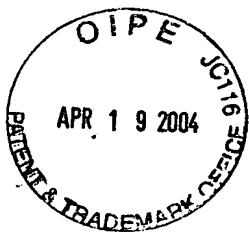
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The status of pending Claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	8	9	0	x \$ 86.00	= \$ 0.00
Total Claims	25	26	0	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 290.00	
** At least 3				Total Additional Fee	\$ 0.00

* At least 20

- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to: \$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

Application No. 09/997,128
Amendment dated
Reply to Office Action of 1/14/04

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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